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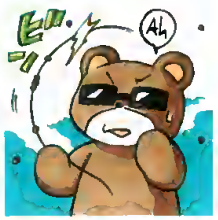

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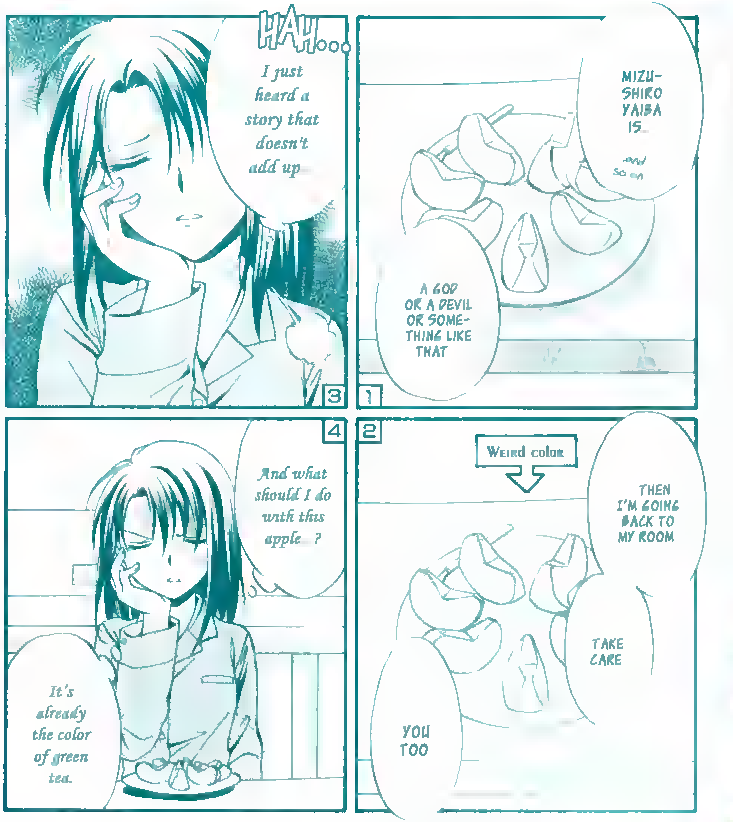

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CHAPTER 51:
REACHING TOMORROW

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God and Devil being the front and back...
And I, God's little brother ...
What is waiting ahead...?
WHAA, NARUMI-SAN!!

EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE AND WERE ALMOST HOSPITALIZED...
WHY ARE YOU TAKING A STROLL?!
IT'S NOT AS BAD AS IT LOOKS.
THAT KIND OF INJURY IS REMEDIED BY SOME STITCHES AND A BLOOD TRANSFUSION
I HEARD YOU WERE ON THE VERGE OF DYING FROM LOSS OF BLOOD, IS THAT TRUE?
ANYWAY, WHAT ABOUT YOU?
She's really immortal...
I GOT BACK HOME YESTERDAY.
YEP ♪

SO, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO SISTER'S ROOM.
BECAUSE IT SEEMS THAT WATAYA CAME TO REPORT TO HER A LITTLE WHILE AGO
IT WAS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE POLICE,
AND I'M ALSO WORRIED ABOUT THE STATE OF RUTHERFORD AND THE OTHERS.
...ALSO,
I HAVE TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG FROM NOW ON.

RIO-SAN, RYOUKO-SAN, AND ASADZUKI-SAN ARE ALL CONSCIOUS, BUT THEY ALL HAVE OVER 10 BROKEN BONES SO THEY ARE PROBABLY RESTING...
AND KANONE-SAN WAS HANDED TO THE POLICE SO I DON'T KNOW MUCH YET
...WELL,
RUTHERFORD-SAN LOST CONSCIOUSNESS AGAIN AFTER BEING TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL, AND HE'S SLEEPING NOW
WHAT IS THE "WATCHER" WE MET IN ALL THE CONFUSION, TSUCHIYA KIRIE, DOING?
SHE ARRANGED FOR NARUMI-SAN AND EVERYONE'S HOSPITALIZATION...
AND SHE HAD A SERIOUS FACE WHEN SHE SPOKE ON THE PHONE...
THE CASE FROM YESTERDAY GOT LITTLE ATTENTION IN THE MASS MEDIA WHILE THE WORLD IS QUIET...
AND THE SCHOOL IS ON A BREAK FOR A WHILE...
IT FEELS LIKE EVERY-ONE
IS CORNERED BY GOD AND THE DEVIL.

...IF YOU CAN, DO YOU WANT TO THROW DOWN SOMETHING?
DON'T TALK NONSENSE
IF I DO THAT, I'LL BE KNOCKED DOWN BY A BRAIDED GIRL.
HA HA...
THAT'S RIGHT, THE TROUBLING GIRL IS HERE AGAIN
YES, REALLY...
DO IT BY ANY MEANS
I'M SERIOUS

AH..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR BODY?!
YOU NEED TO REST!
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Narumi Madoka
WE'RE COMING IN,
SIS-TER.

I'LL BE HOSPITALIZED FOR MORE THAN A MONTH.
WELL... I WAS HIT BY MANY BULLETS.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED
HOW ABOUT YOU, SISTER?
IF I DON'T MOVE MY BODY AT ALL, IT'LL GET WORSE
YOUR PLAN WORKED WONDERFULLY
YOU'RE IN THE SAME SITUATION.
YOU WERE HIT TOO
YOUR SHOULDER.
IS IT OKAY?
WASN'T THAT KANONE KID A LITTLE TOO SURPRISED?
ALTHOUGH IT WAS REALLY UNEXPECTED THAT YOU'D SHOOT ME.

?
Sister is so slow.
DID YOU READ THAT TOO?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW IS THE POLICE?
SINCE THAT "WATCHER" CAME, THE COMMAND LINE HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED.
THEY ALSO COUNTERED THE MASS MEDIA REALLY WELL.
IT'S LIKE THEY'VE PREDICTED THIS SITUATION ALREADY.
THERE IS NOTHING TO HIDE NOW, RIGHT?
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEING HANDLED IN A HAZE, SINCE WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO INVESTIGATE.

WHAT ABOUT KANONE HILBERT?
HE HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE POLICE HOSPITAL AND IS CURRENTLY ASLEEP.
IT SEEMS HE WON'T WAKE FOR 2 TO 3 DAYS, AS HIS BODY AND MIND ARE IN FULL FATIGUE.
THERE IS NOTHING THAT THAT KID CAN DO FOR THE PRESENT.
IN THE END, THOUGH IT'S OVER AND DONE WITH,
I STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND A THING
...BUT RUTHERFORD AND THAT WOMAN NAMED TSUCHIYA KIRIE
ARE IN NO MOOD TO HIDE ANYTHING ANYMORE.

WE'LL SOON KNOW THE TRUTH, EVEN IF WE DON'T WANT TO,
WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING BEHIND THE SCENES
AND WHAT ANIKI IS DOING.
YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE HIDING ANYTHING ANYMORE, RIGHT?
HOW YOU ARE RELATED TO THE BLADE CHILDREN,
WHAT YOU SEE,
WHAT YOU KNOW
YES.

AT ANY RATE, WE'RE HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS SO WE HAVE ENOUGH TIME.
DO IT LEISURELY.
IT'S GONNA BE LONG,
SO SHALL WE START NOW?
...THAT'S RIGHT.
THEN...
I'LL BEGIN FROM WHEN I FIRST MET EYES RUTHERFORD----...

...SO IN THE END, IT GOT TO WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY
AND REACHED TODAY.
I DIDN'T TELL YOU UNTIL NOW BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE YOU AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN
BUT I'M SORRY YOU WERE HOSPITALIZED IN THE END.....

I'm really sorry.
WAI...
YOU GOT IT WORSE THAN I DID, DIDN'T YOU?!
YOU ALMOST DIED LIKE 5-6 TIMES, RIGHT?!
THAT'S RIGHT.
YUP YUP
HE WOULD HAVE DIED IF I WASN'T AROUND

ポ//ス//
Grrr
NO...
I ALMOST DIED BECAUSE OF YOU TOO.
I'M GETTING WHAT I DESERVE
BUT IF I HAD THOUGHT ABOUT IT MORE THOROUGHLY,
I COULD HAVE ENDED IT WITHOUT SISTER BEING HURT
...STOP IT.

YOU DID NOTHING WRONG.
THE WORST IS KIYOTAKA-SAN.
.....
I'VE BEEN THINKING SINCE YESTER-DAY.
WHY DID KIYO-TAKA-SAN MARRY ME
AND DIS-APPEAR RIGHT AFTER THAT?
NO MATTER WHAT I THINK ABOUT IT, HE PLANNED THAT DISAP-PEARANCE BEFOREHAND.

AND THEN LEAVE ME ALONE
EVEN SO, WHY DID HE MARRY ME?
...I'M JUST A TOOL
NOTHING MORE THAN FETTERS TO PREVENT YOU FROM GOING AWAY FROM THE CENTER OF TROUBLE.

KIYOTAKA-SAN NEEDED TO DISAPPEAR SO HE COULD MOVE FREELY,
BUT IF HE DID THAT, HE WOULD BE LEAVING YOU, WHO LIVED WITH HIM, ALONE.
YOU, A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT, WOULD PROBABLY HAVE GONE BACK HOME,
AND SO YOU WOULD'VE BEEN FAR FROM TSUKIOMI SCHOOL, WHERE ALL THE BLADE CHILDREN ARE GATHERED AND WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH WHAT HAPPENED AFTER.
SO HE NEEDED SHACKLES TO CONNECT YOU TO THIS PLACE.
AND SO KIYOTAKA-SAN MARRIED ME
ALTHOUGH YOU RETURNED TO YOUR PARENTS' HOUSE,
YOU COULDN'T LEAVE ME, WHO WAS IN A WRECK AFTER KIYOTAKA-SAN DISAPPEARED, AND YOU CAME BACK.
KIYOTAKA-SAN CALCULATED YOUR PEOPLE-LOVING PERSONALITY.

HE MADE IT LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT RIGHT TO THE END
HE ARRANGED EVERYTHING SO HE COULD SEND YOU TO THE FRONT LINES OF THE PROBLEM
AND IT'S NO ACCIDENT WE LIVED IN AN APARTMENT NEAR THE SCHOOL
HE READ YOUR PERSONALITY AND KNEW YOU'D PREFER GOING TO A CLOSER SCHOOL
I WAS THE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE JOB OF THE FETTERS
... WELL,
IF I WEREN'T THERE, HE PROBABLY WOULD'VE MARRIED SOME OTHER SUITABLE GIRL
I THOUGHT I WAS STRONG AT HEART, BUT I WAS FRAGILE
I WAS PLAYED BY KIYOTAKA-SAN COMPLETELY
SINCE I'M A DETECTIVE, IT WAS EASY TO GAIN INFORMATION OR ACTIONS FROM ME.

IN THE END, KIYOTAKA-SAN WAS HAPPY TO MARRY ANYONE
HE USED ME WELL TOO.
SO...
HA HA
HA...
...I NOTICED A LITTLE.

I JUST WANTED TO BELIEVE IN KIYOTAKA-SAN...
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO ACKNOWL-EDGE IT.
..CAN YOU
GO OUT-SIDE?

YES,
PLEASE DO YOUR BEST
YOUR THEORY IS...
PROBABLY MOSTLY CORRECT
BUT YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT ONE THING.

WHEN IT'S ALL OVER,
ANIKI WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK TO HOLD SISTER.
EVEN IF HE USED YOU FOR ME,
ANIKI LOVES YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
IT'S A VOID COMFORT.
ON WHAT BASIS CAN YOU SAY THAT?
HAH!
THAT TIME, HE'LL KNEEL AND BEG
IT IS.
THAT'S NO REASON.
BECAUSE I'M NAKUMI KIYOTAKA'S LITTLE BROTHER

ANIKI AND I ARE THE SAME, RIGHT?
.. YES?
.....
HE PROBABLY ACKNOWLEDGES YOU.
HE AND I ARE SIMILAR IN SO MANY WAYS IT MAKES ME SICK
...EVEN IF THAT OVER-SIMILARITY IS VERY STARTLING...

ANIKI AND I ARE SIMILAR.
NOT ONLY ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT ON THE INSIDE.
ALTHOUGH I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, WE WERE THE SAME SINCE WAY BACK.
IT'S WAS LIKE THAT WITH THE PIANO
AND IN THE FOOD WE LIKE OR THE MUSIC WE ENJOY,
ANIKI AND I OVERLAP EACH OTHER IN EVERY-THING
WHAT ANIKI LIKES IS WHAT I LIKE,
WHAT ANIKI HATES IS WHAT I HATE.
SO? WHAT ABOUT THAT?
SO IF I LOOK AT IT FROM ANOTHER PERSPEC-TIVE,
WHAT I LIKE, ANIKI LIKES TOO.
THE ONE I LOVE, ANIKI LOVES TOO.

I LOVE SISTER MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
I LOVE YOU AS A WOMAN.
SO ANIKI IS LIKE THAT FOR SURE.

STO-
STOP THAT, AYUMU!
YOU'RE OVERDOING IT, TELLING SUCH A LIE TO COMFORT ME...
IT'S NO LIE.
MY FIRST LOVE IS
MADOKA-SAN, YOU

THAT THOUGHT STILL EXISTS, EVEN NOW.
.....
WELL.
SERI-OUSLY...?
SERI-OUSLY.

AH, YOU!
IF YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
AND HAVE SUCH A FACE AT THE SAME TIME.
YOU NEED TO BE ENDAB DABE-ED
THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD BE!!
UWAH!
WHY DID I TURN RED?!
?!
..I THOUGHT ABOUT MADOKA-SAN ALL THE TIME.
I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE THE TWO OF YOU TOGETHER, SO I RAN BACK TO OUR PARENTS' HOUSE.
THAT'S WHY IT WAS PAINFUL WHEN YOU MARRIED ANIKI

WHEN ANIKI DISAP-PEARED,
I COULDN'T STOP BEING WORRIED FOR YOU, MAFOKA-SAN, SO I CAME BACK
I WANTED TO STAY WITH YOU A LITTLE LONGER SO I STAYED AT YOUR PLACE
BUT IT WAS SOMEWHAT FUN LIVING TOGETHER
AND IT WAS REALLY PAINFUL THAT EVEN THOUGH I WAS NEAR YOU, YOU COULD ONLY SEE ANIKI
WHEN I HONESTLY LOOK BACK AT IT,
THERE ISN'T A THING THAT COULD BE BETTER.
LIKE A WISH COMES TRUE, THAT WAS HAPPINESS.

THERE IS NO LIE IN MY FEELINGS.
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED MADOKA-SAN.

...UH.
AH...
EVEN IF YOU CONFESS SO SUDDENLY,
See,
I'M A MARRIED WOMAN
WE ARE BROTHER AND SISTER!!
Ey~m
AND SEE HERE!
WITH MY AGE, IF I'M WITH YOU, IT'D BE A CRIME!
That's a
CRIME!
I CAN'T HAVE THAT OFFENCE ON ME.
SO ALTHOUGH I'M GLAD ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS, I CAN'T ANSWER THEM!!
I REALLY LOVE KIYOTAKA-SAN THE MOST
FOR SURE!
NO,
I'LL JUST BE BOTHERED IF YOU ANSWER THEM NOW

I'M STILL YOUNG !!
AFTER ALL, WHEN I'M OF AGE TO MARRY, YOU'LL BE AN OLD HAG
.....

I KNOW I CAN'T STEAL MADOKA-SAN FROM ANIKI.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.
AND I KNEW IT WOULD BE TROUBLESOME IF I CONFESSED.
---BUT IF I DIDN'T SAY THAT, I WOULD'VE JUST BEEN DRAGGING IT ALL ALONG.
AND LIKE THAT, IT WOULDN'T CHANGE FOR SURE.

I THOUGHT OF PUTTING THIS SENTIMENT IN THE PAST.
..TRUTH IS, I THOUGHT I'D DRAG IT FOR LIFE
BUT
WHEN I SHOT YOU, WHO I CARE ABOUT THE MOST, WITH THIS HAND TO STOP KANONE HILBERT,
UNEXPECTEDLY,
I'M FINE DESPITE DOING THAT.

FROM NOW ON, I THINK
I'LL LOOK AT FATE LIKE A NIGHT-MARE,
AND I MIGHT COME ACROSS DESPAIR I CAN'T IMAGINE...
IF I CAN'T LIFT MY HEAD AT THAT TIME,
I'LL FEEL ASHAMED FROM EVERY-ONE...
I WANTED TO END THE THOUGHTS THAT MAKE ME LOOK DOWNWARD
AND MADOKA-SAN, YOU MIGHT GET IN A LOT OF TROUBLE FROM NOW ON...

BUT I'M CERTAIN THAT ANIKI LOVES YOU.
IF NOT, I WOULD DEFINITELY
NEVER HAND YOU OVER TO HIM.
I'M SORRY THAT I SAID THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU CONFUSED AT A TIME LIKE THIS.
BUT NOW,
I THINK I CAN ADVANCE TO TOMORROW.

And, good bye.

WAIT, AYUMU!!
WA...
SORRY?
...WELL,

GET A GRIP.
WHAT ARE YOU APOLO-GIZING ABOUT?
WELL, TAKE CARE OF ME FROM NOW ON,
"SIS-TER".
……

.....
My heart still hurts...
I probably didn't completely sever that feeling---...
But---
I should be able to continue onward...

Well, Aniki...
I've raised my head...
No matter what the color of despair is,
I'll broaden what's in front of me!

CHAPTER 52:
THE CREATOR'S CHOICE

...RUTH-KUN,
YOU KNEW ABOUT HIZU-MI'S EXIS-TENCE AND STILL
KEPT BETTING ON AYUMU-KUN?
...DO I HAVE ANY OTHER OPTION?

...IF I COULD GIVE UP,
I WOULDN'T BE LIKE THIS RIGHT NOW.
トン
...IF YOU GIVE UP ON THE FUTURE,
YOU'LL FEEL MORE AT EASE.
WE'LL TELL NARUMI AYUMI THE WHOLE TRUTH...
ANY COM-PLAINTS ...?

WE DON'T NEED TO HIDE IT ANYMORE
AFTER ALL, THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM "GOD", NARUMI KIYOTAKA'S HAND
EVEN "GOD'S LITTLE BROTHER"---
HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF SURPASSING THAT HAND, NO?
.....
BECAUSE OF THAT..

……
It...
It's so awkward ...!!

He was a kid who was hard to read from the start, but..
ARE YOU CONSCIOUS OF ME?
I don't know what face I should wear or what I should talk about.
It's impossible, I'm too conscious
CAN WE LEAVE IT AS IT WAS UP TILL NOW?
Whaa, he always loved me, and I was his first love, and he came to live with me and left his home for me ..

THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE!!
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO BOAST ABOUT, BUT YOU DIDN'T CONFESS STRAIGHT UNTIL NOW!!
AND KIYOTAKA-SAN DIDN'T TELL ME EITHER!
THERE IS NO WAY I CAN ACT LIKE IT NEVER HAP-PENED!!
I CAN.
I WAS A LITTLE HAPPY ABOUT THAT!!
AFTER ALL, YOU DON'T NEED TO TRY TO LOOK GOOD THINK-ING HOW I SEE YOU, RIGHT?
I KNOW SISTER IN HER MOST PATHETIC FORMS, WHEN YOU WERE SO WRECKED AFTER ANIKI WENT MISSING THAT YOU DIDN'T EAT, TAKE A SHOWER, OR GO TO THE BATHROOM.
IT'S THE WORST SITUATION FOR A WOMAN.
UGH ...

SO LET'S KEEP IT LIKE IT USUALLY WAS
I THINK WELL OF YOU AS A SISTER, EVEN NOW.
...STILL, MY FEELINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED
BECAUSE THAT'S THE SISTER THAT I LOVE.
EVEN THOUGH EYES RUTHERFORD SAID HE'LL COME TO REVEAL ALL THE MYSTERIES UP TILL NOW,
ISN'T IT WEIRD THAT SHE'S NOT HERE?
...COME TO THINK OF IT, WHAT ABOUT THAT BRAIDED GIRL?
!?
.....

SO
IT'S BETTER THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW
IF SHE KNOWS MORE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE HER OUT OF IT EVEN IF I TRY
IT WOULD BE WEIRD IF SHE WAS, RIGHT?
SHE'S NOT CONNECTED TO ALL OF THIS
..WHAT WONDERFUL CONSIDER-ATION.
SHOULDN'T YOU MAKE HER YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
.....
ISN'T SHE A GOOD GIRL TO RELY ON?
BUT THAT GIRL
HAS FEELINGS FOR YOU, RIGHT?

WHY?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
WITH ALL MY HEART, SHE'S NOT MY TYPE
Really terrible
Without knowing it, this kid is
!
Slide...

SORRY TO INTERRUPT.
WE'RE HERE TO REVEAL THE TRUTH
LET ME BE PRESENT.
I KNOW MORE THAN RUTH-KUN
AS I WAS IN TOUCH WITH NARUMI KIYOTAKA LATELY, YOU'LL DEFINITELY WANT TO HEAR, RIGHT?

AS LONG AS THEY KNOW THE TRUTH, I DON'T CARE WHO REVEALS IT
I DON'T FEEL LIKE SHUTTING MY EARS NOW.
OKAY
YOUR FACE HAS BECOME STRONG IN SUCH A SHORT WHILE
DID YOU MANAGE TO BID FAREWELL TO YOUR FIRST LOVE, MADOKA-SAN?
HOW-
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHO WAS AYUMU'S FIRST LOVE?!
MOST OF THE PEOPLE CONNECTED TO NARUMI AYUMU KNOW
BECAUSE KIYOTAKA SPREADS THAT RUMOR.

FIRST, DON'T GET INTO A GOOD MOOD JUST BECAUSE YOU STOPPED KANONE-KUN
!?
!?
YOU CAN'T CHANGE A THING.
IN THE END, IT'LL BE JUST AS KIYOTAKA-SAN BELIEVES.
YOUR RESIS-TANCE
WILL JUST PROLONG THE PAIN.

...YES.
THAT MIGHT BE SO.
BUT IF I ABANDON IT HERE,
AFTER IT'S ALL OVER---
WHAT WILL I DO IF ANIKI SAYS, "IF YOU HADN'T GIVEN UP, YOU WOULD'VE CHANGED FATE"?
.....
THAT'S HOW IT WAS AT THE TIME WITH KANONE HILBERT

I CAST AWAY MY WILLPOWER FROM THE START.
I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT WHAT I COULD DO,
OR ABOUT DOING ANY-THING.
IF I'D THOUGHT ABOUT DOING SOMETHING FROM THE BEGINNING,
LESS PEOPLE MIGHT'VE GOTTEN HURT.
AND IT MIGHT'VE ENDED WITHOUT SISTER BECOMING LIKE THAT.
...STILL, THE RESULT MIGHT'VE BEEN THE SAME,
AND THERE MIGHT STILL ONLY BE PAIN AFTER THAT.
BUT IF I DON'T DO A THING,
LOOKING AT IT AFTER, ADDING THE FACT THAT I KNEW I HAD HOPE,
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO RESIST EVEN IF IT'S FUTILE.

I WON'T GIVE YOU EXCUSES EVEN IF I FAIL
.....
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ANYWAY, I'M USED TO LOSING.
SO I'LL JUST LOSE AFTER TRYING
EVEN IF I WAS,
I'M NOT LOOKING DOWN IN SHAME.
I WOULD'VE RAISED MY HEAD WITH MY OWN WILLPOWER AND STRENGTH.

BE NOTHING MORE THAN SMALL, INSIGNIFICANT TOOLS PRESENTED TO YOU BY KIYOTAKA
THAT WILL-POWER AND SUCH MIGHT ALSO
WELL, SAY SOMETHING WITH STRONG POWER
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RUTHERFORD.
.. LET'S GET BACK TO THE SUBJECT

I'M HESITATING FROM WHERE I SHOULD START ASKING.
MAYBE FROM WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE?
IF THERE EXISTS A GOD-LIKE PERSON,
THEN THERE EXISTS A DEVIL-LIKE PERSON TO OPPOSE HIM
...I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT FROM AYUMU TOO.
KIYOTAKA-SAN, WHO IS "GOD",
DISAPPEARED SO HE COULD FIGHT THAT "DEVIL"?
AND THE POWERS HIDDEN WITHIN AYUMU ARE NEEDED TO BEAT THAT "DEVIL"?
.....
...THERE WOULD BE NO TROUBLE IF IT WERE SO SIMPLE.

THE PROBLEM LIES AFTER THE DEVIL HAS BEEN DEFEATED ...
.....?
NARUMI AYUMU,
.....
DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE CREATOR?

...GIVE HIM SOME HOPE.
EVEN IF IT'S SMALL,
IT'S ENOUGH FOR NARUMI-SAN NOW...

THIS WORLD,
THIS UNI-VERSE,
THE "CREATOR" WHO CREATED EVERYTHING THAT EXISTS AND EXISTED.
EVERY-THING STARTED FROM THAT WHIM.

HEY,
I HAVE TO START BELIEVING SUCH FANTASY?
IF YOU ACCEPT KIYOTAKA AS "GOD" YOU SHOULD ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE "SOMEONE" WHO CREATED HIM, RIGHT?
YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED...
YOU CAN THINK ABOUT IT AS JUST A FICTIONAL STORY,
BUT THAT'S WHAT THE "GOD" AND THE "DEVIL" SAID
..KIYOTAKA-SAN DID?
Yes
ONCE UPON A TIME,

"LET'S TRY ERADICATING THE HUMANS"

IT'S LIKE THE BIBLE'S WORLD
TO DROWN THEM USING HEAVY FLOODS?
PEOPLE WON'T BE ELIMINATED BY SUCH A THING,
LIKE THEY HAD THE ARK IN THE PAST
EVEN IF IT TAKES TIME,
WITH THIS METHOD,
IT'S A METHOD THAT CAN WIPE OUT HUMANS
THE "CREATOR" DROPPED DOWN TO THIS WORLD WHAT WE CALL THE "DEVIL".

Stronger than anything,
Higher than anything,
An absolute existence that cannot be beaten by people.

Stronger than anything, higher than anything...
He had all the power...
Just like Aniki---...
THE DEVIL'S NAME IS
MIZU-SHIRO YAIBA.

He was born to a Japanese couple.
...For some reason, he had a rib missing.
A rib missing...
That's the common feature of the Blade Children--

And that
Mizu-
shiro
Yaiba
Is the
father
of all the
Blade
Children.

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...WHAT ON EARTH DOES IT MEAN?
I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT "CREATOR" PART
WHY WAS ONLY ONE PERSON SENT TO DESTROY THE HUMANS?

AND THERE ARE DOZENS OF BLADE CHILDREN, RIGHT?
HOW CAN ONE PERSON BE THE FATHER TO SO MANY KIDS?
!!
--MIZU-SHIRO YAIBA WAS.
BORN INTO THIS WORLD 16 YEARS BEFORE NARUMI KIYOTAKA
BEFORE HE RECEIVED HIS JUDGMENT, HE GREW UP BEING CALLED A GENIUS KID, AND WITH THAT TREND HE GOT STRONGER.
HIS IN-GENUITY WAS DIS-PLAYED IN EVERY-THING,
WITHOUT FAIL, HE ALWAYS AMAZED HIS SURROUND-INGS.
HE GREW UP WITH SOME KIND OF CHA-RISMA.

JUST LIKE NARUMI KIYOTAKA WHO WAS BORN AFTER HIM, RIGHT?
AN ABSO-LUTE GENIUS
AN ABSO-LUTE PRES-ENCE
EVERYONE WHO KNEW KIYOTAKA WOULD'VE THOUGHT SO ABOUT HIM
HE COULD EVEN CATCH THE WORLD WITHIN HIS GRASP.
.....
IT'S ALRIGHT FOR YOU TO THINK OF MIZUSHIRO YAIBA AS THE SAME AS NARUMI KIYO-TAKA, WHOM YOU KNOW.

WHEN YAIBA REACHED THE AGE OF 23,
HE FOUNDED THE ORGANIZATION "KNIGHTS" AND STOOD AS ITS LEADER--
WITH HIS WIT, YAIBA BECAME A PART OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL WORLD WHILE LEAVING HIS ACTIONS AMBIGUOUS.
HE ENLARGED THE ORGANIZATION,
LEAVING ITS OUTWARD APPEARANCE.
IN 3 YEARS, THE ORGANIZATION HAD IMMENSE INFLUENCE
WHEN YAIBA TURNED 26, HE MANAGED TO BECOME A MAN WHO WARPED THE WORLD WITH A BLACK CURTAIN
AT THE SAME TIME, HE WAS CALLED "GOD"
HE WAS HEADED INTO A STATE OF BEING WORSHIPED, JUST LIKE THOSE WHO WERE SUPERIOR IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD AFTER MORE THAN 40 YEARS THERE
NO MATTER WHAT HE DID, AS LONG AS HE HAD A PLAN, NOTHING WENT WRONG FOR HIM
AND FROM THE OTHER DIRECTION, IF YOU TURNED AGAINST HIM, YOU WOULD SURELY BE DESTROYED

IT CERTAINLY WOULDN'T BE WEIRD IF ANIKI HAD THE POWER TO GOVERN THE WORLD
I UNDER-STAND THAT YAIBA SEEMED AS AMAZING AS ANIKI
.....
BUT THAT PART ABOUT DESTROY-ING, IT IS DIFFERENT
EVEN ANIKI,
IF HE FACED BILLIONS OF PEOPLE,
THERE IS NO WAY HE COULD'VE KILLED THEM ALL
THAT'S RIGHT

EVEN IF IT WERE YAIBA, I STILL DOUBT HE COULD CREATE SUCH A SITUATION WITH SOLELY HIS CLOUT.
EVEN IF HE TAMPERED WITH THE BALANCE OF NATIONS' POWERS AND CREATED A WORLD WAR, HUMANS WOULD SURVIVE.
THE GROUP KNOWN AS HUMANS IS STUBBORN,
BUT NOT THAT FOOLISH.
THAT WAS THE "BLADE CHILDREN PLAN"...
...THAT'S WHY WHEN YAIBA GOT TO THE AGE OF 24,
HE MADE ONE PROJECT WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.
"BLADE CHILDREN PLAN"?

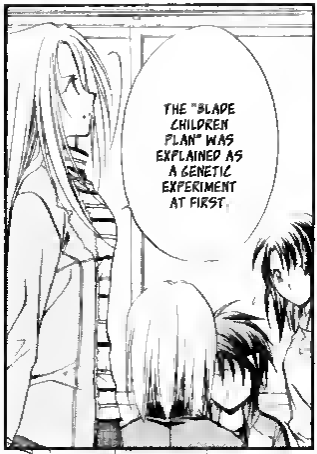
...THAT'S RIGHT.
IT WAS A DEVILISH PLAN TO MASS PRODUCE YAIBA'S CHILDREN.
THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED DURING THAT TIME CALLED IT THE PLAN OF A GOD.
Children...?
Mass produced ?!

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION.
TEST TUBE BABIES
YOU'VE HEARD OF SUCH TECHNIQUES OF REPRODUCTION, RIGHT?
IN OUR TIME, YOU CAN EVEN CREATE LIFE IN A COLD LABORATORY.
IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF TECHNIQUE AND FUNDS ---
IT ISN'T THAT HARD TO MASS PRODUCE THE OFFSPRING OF A CERTAIN PERSON.
YOU CAN LET A SPERM AND AN EGG CELL FERTILIZE IN THE RIGHT VESSEL
AND NOURISH IT UNTIL IT ATTAINS A HUMAN SHAPE, AND THEN KEEP TAKING CARE OF IT.

IT'S AN ABSURD IDEA IN TERMS OF REASONING.
BUT THERE WAS ALMOST NO RESISTANCE FROM THE MEDICAL STAFF AND GENETIC SCHOLARS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PLAN
BECAUSE IT'S JUST "MANUFACTURING" IN HUGE AMOUNTS WHILE EACH KID IS MISSING AFFECTION AND FAMILY.
IF YOU MANAGE TO RECRUIT THE EGG CELL DONORS WHO WILL BECOME THE MOTHERS,
YOU'LL EXCEED THE PREDICTED NUMBER IN NO TIME.
A LOT OF PEOPLE WANTED YAIBA'S LINEAGE.

NOW AND IN THE PAST, THE EUGENICS ARE FIRMLY ROOTED.
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT TALENT
IS STRONGLY INHERITED, JUST LIKE HAIR COLOR, EYE COLOR, AND SKIN COLOR
THE KID OF A STRONG PERSON IS STRONG.
THE KID OF A WISE PERSON IS WISE.
DON'T BE FOOLISH!
THAT'S ALREADY BEING DENIED BY GENETICS AND STATISTICS THESE DAYS.
...ARA
CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING..?
NARUMI KIYOTAKA'S LITTLE BROTHER!

NARUMI KIYOTAKA'S LITTLE BROTHER
YOUR OUTER LOOKS,
YOUR TALENTS,
YOUR TASTE
AND EVEN THE STAR CIRCULATION, THEY ARE ALL JUST LIKE KIYOTAKA'S
YOU CAN'T DENY THE STRONG RELATION OF BLOOD,
AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN KIYOTAKA'S KID
YOU ARE TIED TO KIYOTAKA'S BLOOD AS A LITTLE BROTHER!
That's true...


THE "BLADE CHILDREN PLAN" WAS EXPLAINED AS A GENETIC EXPERIMENT AT FIRST.

Not just me, but everyone around me...
I feel the "power"... of being connected to him as a "little brother"....

WOULD THE KIDS HAVE THE SAME TALENT AS YAIBA?
TO WHAT LEVEL CAN THE TRANSCENDENTAL YAIBA'S TALENT BE INHERITED?
OR MAYBE MIZUSHIRO YAIBA WAS THE FIRST GENERATION OF MUTANTS?

THERE WERE DREAMERS WHO SAID SUCH THINGS...
...STILL,
That intelligence would then accumulate and produce a better future for this planet.
If there were dozens of kids born with a part of Yaiba's power,
The world would change.
THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 80 KIDS BORN FROM ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION WITH YAIBA AS THEIR FATHER
ALL OF THE PROBLEMS REGARDING PRACTICALITY WERE SEALED WITH YAIBA'S INFLUENCE
THAT PLAN EVEN LOOKED LIKE AN EXPERIMENT TO ARTIFICIALLY CREATE EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD CARRY THE WORLD ON THEIR SHOULDERS IN THE FUTURE
RIO-CHAN, AND THE OTHERS ARE PART OF THOSE...
RUTH-KUN, KANONE-KUN,

.....
...THAT'S WHY YOU GUYS WERE CONNECTED WITH THE BLOOD OF YOUR FATHER AND BECAME "SIBLINGS"----...
THAT'S RIGHT.
NOT ONLY KANONE, BUT RIO, ASADZUKI, AND RYOUKO ARE ALL MY SIBLINGS.
IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BIRTHDAYS, I'M THE YOUNGEST.
...BUT I CAN'T GET INTO THE MOOD TO CALL ANYONE BUT KANONE-KUN BIG BROTHER OR SISTER
ポン
THE KIDS...

AS SOON AS THEY WERE BORN, THEY HAD A RIB TAKEN OUT VIA SURGERY AS PROOF THAT THEY WERE CHILDREN OF YAIBA
AS EXPECTED, THERE WERE THOSE WHO OPPOSED IT,
BUT THERE WERE MANY MOTHERS WHO AGREED TO IT AS PROOF OF THEIR STRONG STRAIN...
*The kanji for Yaiba's titular
THESE CHILDREN, AS THE NAME OF THE PLAN, WERE CALLED "YAIBA'S" CHILDREN"
THE "BLADE CHILDREN".
AT THE TIME, THAT WAS A BLESSED NAME, BUT...
AFTERWARDS, IT BECAME A CURSED NAME.

GET IT?
EVERY ONE OF THOSE 80 KIDS?
AND WHEN THEY WERE 4 YEARS OLD, THEY ALL EXCEEDED NORMAL KIDS IN EVERY ASPECT
WE KNEW THEY CARRIED THE RIGHT AMBIENCE FOR THOSE WHO HAD SUCCEEDED YAIBA'S BLOOD.
...UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ORGANIZATION,
THESE KIDS WERE BROUGHT UP IN THEIR MOTHERS' RESIDENCE.
--
THAT IS ..
REALLY WEIRD...
THAT WE HAD OBTAINED "GOD'S BLOOD".
BUT AS A RESULT OF THAT, THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO WERE ENRAGED ---...

BUT THAT'S REALLY TOO STRANGE.
IT'S STILL POSSIBLE FOR EVERY-ONE TO RESEMBLE HIM IN APPEAR-ANCE,
BUT THE TALENT,
AND THE ATMO-SPHERE,
DO YOU THINK THAT THERE IS A KIND OF BLOOD THAT COULD GIVE SUCH A THING TO ALL OF THOSE KIDS?
OF COURSE, PEOPLE WITHIN THE ORGANI-ZATION WHO FELT TERROR BECAUSE OF THE PLAN APPEARED
THEY CAME UP WITH A SOLU-TION
AND DIRECTLY APPEALED THAT YAIBA, WHO LAY AT ROOT OF THE PLAN, WAS A DANGEROUS EXISTENCE.
ALL THE MORE
AS TALKS ABOUT THE 2ND AND 3RD BLADE CHILDREN PLAN BEGAN
DO YOU KNOW WHY SUCH A PLAN OF PRODUCING A LARGE NUMBER OF BRILLIANT KIDS WHO RESEMBLE MIZUSHIKO YAIBA IS DANGEROUS?
IS IT SOME KIND OF ANTHROPO-LOGICAL PROBLEM?

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.....
.....
THE HOMO SAPIENS WHO EXTERMINATED THE NEANDERTHALS !
IN THE PAST, KIYOTAKA-SAN
REALLY SAID SOMETHING WITH SUCH A WEIRD MEANING
OUR ANCESTORS, THE HOMO SAPIENS, HAVE EXTERMINATED OTHER PRIMITIVE RACES AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION
THERE CAN'T BE MORE THAN ONE RACE
THE CURRENT "HUMANS" TODAY HAVE KEPT ON LIVING BY KILLING ALL OTHER RACES SHARING THE SAME "HUMANS" BASE FORM".

ABOVE ALL, THE NEANDER-THALS WERE
COMPLETELY EXTERMINATED BY THE HOMO SAPIENS, WHO WERE MORE SKILLED THAN THEM AT VIO-LENCE !
--MY, MY,
KIYOTAKA-SAMA LOVES TO LEAVE CLUES ABOUT
WELL
THAT'S THE INEVITABLE PHENOMENON OF NATURAL SELECTION IN THE EVOLUTION PROCESS
THE NEANDERTHALS WERE THE RULERS OF THE EARTH.
BUT THOSE WHO APPEARED AFTER-WARDS,
THE HOMO SAPIENS WHO EXCELLED IN VIO-LENCE, CAUSED THEIR EXTINCTION WITHIN A COUPLE THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH A GROUP BOASTS OF ITS PROS-PERITY,
IF A SUPE-RIOR GROUP UNWILLING TO COEXIST APPEARS, THEY'LL BE EXTERMI-NATED AT ONCE.

PART OF THE ORGANIZATION GUESSED AT THAT
WOULDN'T THAT "MIZUSHIKO YAIBA" BE A NEW RACE THAT WILL LEAD TO THE DESTRUCTION OF HUMANS?
IF WE ACCELERATED THE BREEDING OF THAT NEW RACE,
WOULDN'T WE BE ARTIFICIALLY CAUSING NATURAL SELECTION WITHIN HUMANS?
THE KIDS WHO HAVE YAIBA'S BLOOD ARE EXCELLENT WITH NO EXCEPTION.
THEY HAVE THE CHARISMA TO ATTRACT MANY HUMANS,
AND ALL OF THEIR TALENTS SURPASS THOSE OF A NORMAL HUMAN...
THINK ABOUT IT YOURSELF.

IF THE 2ND AND 3RD PLANS START MOVING, THERE WILL ONLY BE MORE OF THESE CHILDREN.
THE BLADE CHILDREN WHO WILL BECOME ADULTS WILL DEFINITELY STAND IN A POSITION TO MOVE THIS WORLD IN THE FUTURE
AND WHAT OF THE CHILDREN'S CHILDREN?
AND SOME-DAY,
HUMANS WILL BE RULED BY THOSE WHO HAVE YAIBA'S BLOOD.
IF THOSE KIDS HAVE YAIBA'S POWER TOO,
YAIBA'S INFLUENCE WILL JUST GET WIDER WITH NO LIMITS.
...IN THAT,
THERE IS ONE DREADFUL THING ----...

SINCE THE PAST, THERE WERE THOSE WHO POINTED THIS OUT.
YAIBA SOMETIMES HAD THIS AURA AROUND HIM,
LIKE HE INSTINCTIVELY HATED HUMANS
MOST SAW IT AS THEIR IMAGINATION OR A WHIM, AND SO THEY DIDN'T SEE IT AS ANY PROBLEM,
BUT WHAT IF THAT'S YAIBA'S REAL NATURE?
WHAT IF HIS REAL NATURE MOVES TO THE CHILDREN IN THE END?
FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF YAIBA'S STRAIN,
ISN'T THE HUMAN RACE THE SAME AS THE NEANDERTHALS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN IF SUCH A DICTATING EXISTENCE BECAME THE RULING GROUP?

A SINGLE RULER CAN'T DESTROY THE MASSIVE GROUP OF HUMANS
BUT IF THERE WERE A LARGE GROUP OF RULERS, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?
AND WHAT IF THAT RULING GROUP ALSO UNITES UNDER THE SAME WILL AND INSTINCTS?
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YAIBA'S BLOOD TIES THE CHILDREN SO MUCH?
WITH VIO-LENCE,
MORE SUPERIOR THAN HUMANS,
IF THERE IS SUCH A UNITED WILL THAT INCREASES THE NUMBER OF RULERS,
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY RESIST, HUMANS WILL BE ERADI-CATED
JUST LIKE HOW THE CURRENT HUMAN RACE EXTERMI-NATED THE NEANDER-THALS

"There is no avoiding it."
"The adult Blade Children will move to eradicate the humans."
"My will is to exterminate the humans, so my blood will pass on that will!"
THE STORY ABOUT THE "CREATOR"'S WHIM, WHICH RUTH-KUN TOLD YOU AT THE START ...
YAIBA SMILED AT THOSE WHO APPEALED TO HIM AND TOLD THEM

"Aniki and I are similar"
"Although I don't want to admit it, Aniki and I overlap each other in everything"
---What a thing I said.
All of the problems are...
Re-bounding within me myself ...?!
YAIBA'S BLOOD WILL SURPASS THIS GENERATION
AND WILL KEEP MOVING WITH HIS WILL, USING ITS POWER TO REMOVE HUMANS FROM CONTROL---
AND USING THE REPRODUCTIVE METHODS OF THIS GENERATION, WILL KEEP EXPANDING LIKE A BOMB
THAT WAS THE WAY OF THE "CREATOR" TO KILL HUMANS.

IT WAS WRITTEN IN THE "BIBLE" THAT THE FIRST HUMAN, ADAM, HAD A RIB MISSING
THAT ONE HUMAN FILLED THE EARTH IN THE END,
AND USING HIS TALENTS AND VIOLENCE, HE DESTROYED MANY OTHER CREATURES
YAIBA IS ALSO A BEING BORN WITH A MISSING RIB
HE POSSESSES THE SYMBOL OF THE NEW RULER OF EARTH.
YAIBA IS GOING TO FIX THE EARTH BY FILLING IT WITH HIS BLOOD RELATIVES.
SO HE WAS A "DEVIL" IN THE HUMANS' EYES.
THEY HOLD GREATER TALENTS AND VIOLENCE THAN HUMANS... THEY'RE THE NEW "HUMAN RACE"----...
AND THE FIRST BLOOD SUCCESSORS OF THAT NEW ADAM ARE THE BLADE CHILDREN.

They are the kids who were cursed with the blood of Yaiba and who obliterate humans.

CHAPTER 54: THE HUMAN'S HAND HASN'T BEEN TOUCHED YET

The new Adam who fell from above to fix the Earth…
The polar existence to Aniki,
Using modern technology
The blood of Yaiba, fated to wipe out humans
He flooded the world with his offspring
"Blade Children" are?
?"

...MEANING THAT YOUR BLOOD EVEN NOW---
ACTS TO DESTROY HUMANS?
...REST ASSURED,
...BUT-
I DON'T YET HAVE THAT WILL
IF I DID, I WOULDN'T BE TALKING WITH YOU LIKE THIS.

BUT AT MY AGE, MIZUSHIKO YAIBA WAS LIKE A FIRST-CLASS GOD
AND HAD THE EYES OF A CAPABLE RULER
IT SEEMS HE THOUGHT OF HIMSELF AS A PERSON WHO WOULD LEAD HUMANS TO A BETTER FUTURE---
AND YAIBA AWAKENED INTO A "DEVIL" AS THOUGH A SWITCH HAD BEEN PRESSED.
AT THAT TIME, HE UNDERSTOOD WHY HE WAS BORN WITH SO MUCH POWER.
AND WHAT HE EXISTED FOR
IT SEEMS LIKE YAIBA ACCEPTED THE ORACLE AT THE AGE OF 20.

WHAT HE WAS UP UNTIL THEN DISAP-PEARED...
WITH JUST THAT,
THE YAIBA HE WAS UP UNTIL THEN DISAP-PEARED.
THE CHILD-REN, FULL OF GENIUS AND AMONGST HUMANS UP UNTIL THEN,
WOULD GROW UP WITH THAT CHARISMA
THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE APPOINTED A RESPECTABLE POST AS THEY'D BE REC-OGNIZED AS REALLY SKILFUL PEOPLE
YAIBA SAID
THAT THE BLADE CHILDREN WOULD HAVE THE SAME AWAKENING WHEN THEY BECOME ADULTS

IF THEY WERE BORN WITH RESENTMENT TOWARD HUMANS, THEY WOULD'VE BEEN QUICKLY THROWN OUT OF SOCIETY
THAT'S WHY THEY STAND AS ANGELS AROUND HUMANS
AFTER THEY ARE JUDGED WITHIN THE SOCIETY WHILE HIDING THEIR TRUE NATURE---
THE BLOOD OF THE "DEVIL" AWAKENS
SO NO ONE CAN IMAGINE THAT EFFECT BEFORE-HAND
..TROY'S WOODEN HORSE...!
SOME-THING LIKE THAT
THE PLAN OF THE "CREATOR" IS WON-DERFUL

LIKE A TYPE OF CANCER WITH LATE SUBJECTIVE SYMPTOMS WHICH THEN ATTACKS VIOLENTLY, IT'S BEYOND ANY HELP ALREADY.
IT BRINGS SERIOUS DAMAGE LIKE A LONG-LASTING PATHOGEN DURING ITS INCUBATION PERIOD
SO EVEN IF HE CHANGED INTO A "DEVIL" ALL OF A SUDDEN,
AND THERE WOULD'VE BEEN A HIGH CHANCE HE COULDN'T GAIN INFLUENCE SO EASILY
IF YAIBA WAS A "DEVIL" SINCE HE WAS A YOUNG CHILD, HE WOULD'VE BEEN QUICKLY REJECTED FROM SOCIETY.
YAIBA, WHO LEARNED ABOUT SOCIETY, HID IT,
AND HE DIDN'T BETRAY HIS SURROUNDINGS' TRUST DIRECTLY
BUT UNTIL THE AGE OF 20, HE WAS AN ANGEL,
A GOD...
...IF YOU INVESTIGATE INTO IT LATER...

AFTER THE AGE OF 20, YAIBA WAS PURSUING A SUITABLE DEATH FOR HUMANS IN THE SHADOWS.

THE BLADE CHILDREN ARE STILL "SAFE"?
MEANING RIGHT NOW
FOR THE TIME BEING...
...YES.
YOU CAN ALSO SAY THAT IF KANONE MAKES ONE WRONG MOVE, THE SWITCH WILL BE PRESSED FOR HIM
ALTHOUGH THEY WERE FEW THERE WERE SOME WHO HAD THEIR SWITCHES PRESSED DUE TO VARIOUS EXTERNAL REASONS
THAT ABSO-LUTELY WON'T BE SO AS YEARS PASS

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE INEXPERIENCED BLADE CHILDREN, WITH NO PROPER POWER IN SOCIETY AND WHO HAD THEIR SWITCH TO "ERADICATE HUMANS" PRESSED, DO---
AND HOW THEY PURSUE THEIR FATE?
.....
...THEY HAVE DEFINITELY BEEN REDUCED TO DEVILS WHO KILL PEOPLE INDISCRIMINATELY...
IT'S TERRIBLE

BUT THAT WAY, IT ENDS WITH MINIMAL DAMAGE
IT'S REALLY JUST TERRIBLE.
IT SEEMS THAT IF THE MIND AND BODY HAVEN'T GROWN TO A CERTAIN LEVEL, THEY CANNOT ADAPT TO THE AWAKENING OF YAIBA'S BLOOD
NO MATTER HOW IT TURNS OUT, THE BLADE CHILDREN WHO HAVE HAD THEIR SWITCH PRESSED ARE A TERRIFYING PROBLEM.
AND THEY MOVED FROM WITHIN SOCIETY, THE DAMAGE WOULD BE MUCH GREATER
IF THEY HAD A DEFINITE POWER LIKE YAIBA,
START -ING WITH ME

WE'LL STOP BEING OURSELVES
OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR WILL.
THEY WILL BOTH DISAPPEAR THANKS TO YAIBA'S BLOOD WHICH RUNS THROUGH OUR BODY.
RIO AND ASAGIZUKI... AND THE OTHER BLADE CHILDREN WHO ARE LEFT,
WITHIN A FEW YEARS WE WILL BE AWAKENING WITH YAIBA'S BLOOD
THAT'S
OUR FATE.

FURTHER MORE,
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD KILL THE BLADE CHILDREN?
IF NOT, THE ROLES WILL BE REVERSED AND THEY'LL KILL HUMANS
THAT WE SHOULD EXTERMINATE THEM?
WE'LL BE EXTERMI-NATED

IN REPLY, YAIBA LAUGHED AND ANSWERED,
As part of killing time, I just made one clear condition harder to attain."
CAN YOU BELIEVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
THE PEOPLE OF THE OPPOSING WAVE HAD THE SAME QUETION ---.
BUT THE ONE WHO SAID IT WAS THE "DEVIL"
---YAIBA HIMSELF, RIGHT?
ISN'T IT SUICIPE TO SPEAK OF THAT TO THOSE WHO OPPOSE HIM?
HAD EVERYTHING GO JUST THE WAY HE DREW IT IN HIS HEAD
YAIBA, UNDER ALL OF HIS TALENT AND FORTUNE,
WITHOUT EXPERIENCING ALL THE FRUSTRATION AND HARDSHIPS UP UNTIL NOW,
YAIBA INTENTIONALLY SET OFF THE RESISTANCE
BECAUSE IT WOULD BE FUN TO HAVE A GAME AROUND HIS OWN RACE'S ANNIHILATION
Yaiba was absolute.
It's exactly like he had the divine protection of some celestial being.

IT SEEMS SUCH AN EXISTENCE WOULD THINK FROM TIME TO TIME,
"AH, IT'S BORING."
SOME -THING LIKE THAT
WASN'T IT THE SAME WITH KIYO -TAKA?
HE TRIED CREATING DISADVANTA-GEOUS CONDI-TIONS JUST TO PASS THE TIME
MAKING AYUMU-KUN PLAY THE WAY HE WANTED,
WASN'T IT NOTHING MORE THAN KILLING TIME?
SO...
WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE ONES WHO LEARNED THE TRUTH?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
THEY MADE THE RESISTANCE IN ORDER TO KILL YAIBA AND THOSE DREADFUL CHILDREN.

EVEN IF YAIBA DIDN'T SAY A THING,
THANKS TO THE ABNORMAL RESULT OF THE PLAN, THE ORGANIZATION STARTED SPLITTING 4 WAYS
THE "HUNTERS" CLAIM THAT A QUICK CLEANUP OF THE DANGEROUS EXISTENCE OF THE PLAN AND YAIBA IS NECESSARY.
THE "WATCHERS" CLAIM THAT WE SHOULD KEEP WATCHING OVER YAIBA AND THE KIDS AS IT IS ALL PART OF THE EXPERIMENT.
AND THE "SAVERS" CLAIM THAT WE SHOULD KEEP ON SUPPORTING YAIBA TO THE END AND CONTINUE WITH THE 2ND PLAN AND SO ON.
THE FACTION THAT WAS LATER KNOWN AS THE "HUNTERS".
YAIBA'S WORDS ONLY ACCELERATED THE FOUNDING OF THOSE FACTIONS

THE "WATCHERS" LOOKED AT IT ONLY AS SOMETHING HARD TO BELIEVE.
THE "SAVERS" THOUGHT OF IT AS JUST A FALSE RUMOR AND DIDN'T RELATE TO IT.
AND THE ONES WHO LOOKED AHEAD TURNED TO THE SIDE OF THE "HUNTERS"
IN THE END, THE 2ND PLAN AND THE LATER ONES ENTERED A TEMPORARY HIATUS
AS PART OF THE WAR THAT THE ORGANIZATION STARTED WITH THE "HUNTERS".
FOR YAIBA IT WAS ONLY TO KILL TIME
BUT THE 80 BLADE CHILDREN WHO WERE 5 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME WERE PUT INTO DANGER.
THE GOAL OF THE "HUNTERS" WAS TO REMOVE YAIBA'S BLOOD FROM THE WORLD,
SO THEY EVEN HAD TO KILL 5 YEAR OLD CHILDREN.
IF WE DON'T KILL THEM WHEN THEY'RE YOUNG,
THEY'LL TURN INTO ADULTS WITH INTELLIGENCE AND TALENT THAT WE CANNOT MATCH.

...THAT'S INSANE...
ISN'T IT?
BUT THERE IS RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE PATH CHOSEN BY THE "HUNTERS".
IF THEY LEAVE THE KIDS AS THEY ARE, WHEN THEY GROW OLDER, THEY'LL INFLICT MASSIVE DAMAGE.
EVEN IF THEY ARE SAFE NOW,
IN THE END THEY'LL PURSUE THE DEATH OF MANY HUMANS.
ARE YOU SAYING WE SHOULD STILL OVERLOOK THOSE CHILDREN?
THAT TIME
MORE THAN 20 BLADE CHILDREN WERE KILLED.

WE'RE A CURSED EXISTENCE.
MANY OF THE CHILDREN UNDER-STOOD
IN-CLUDING ME,
BUT THE ONES WHO HAD GOOD LUCK AND WEREN'T INVOLVED IN ALL OF THAT LIVED BRIGHTLY WITHOUT KNOWING A THING...
I GUESS YOU'D UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU'D EXPERIENCED ALMOST BEING KILLED IN ALL THE BLASTS AND BLOOD AND DANGEROUS WEAPONS
WELL...
EVEN IF THEY WERE 5 YEARS OLD, THEY HAD YAIBA'S BLOOD...
THEY HAD SUCH GREAT INTELLECT...
IF THEY HADN'T, DO YOU KNOW HOW THOSE KIDS WOULD'VE BEEN BENT?
...YES.

"SHIRAHAGATANI SAYOKO" IS A SPECIAL CASE
ALTHOUGH SHE EXPERIENCED THE WAR, SHE WASN'T AFFECTED BY IT AND WAS SAVED BY LOSING HER MEMORY---...
THOUGH IT SEEMS SHE DIDN'T LIVE QUITE HAPPILY BECAUSE SHE HAD THE FEAR DEEP INSIDE HER UNCONSCIOUSLY
...SO
WHAT HAPPENED WITH THAT WAR?
THE SIDE OF THE "HUNTERS" THAT DEFECTED FROM THE ORGANIZATION DIDN'T SUCCEED, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT
IN THE END, IT WAS ALL JUST YAIBA KILLING TIME.

THE "HUNTERS" IMMEDIATELY REALIZED THAT
YAIBA CAN'T BE KILLED BY HUMANS.
CAN'T BE KILLED
BY HUMANS?
AT FIRST, THE "HUNTERS" AIMED AT THE CENTER OF THE PROBLEM, YAIBA, WITH ALL THEIR POWER,
BUT NO MATTER WHAT THEY DID, THEY COULDN'T KILL HIM.
AT THE TIME, YAIBA DIDN'T SAY "KILL ME," BUT HE CONFESSED THAT TO THE "HUNTERS"
HE LET THEM TRY POINTING A GUN TO HIS HEAD ON PURPOSE

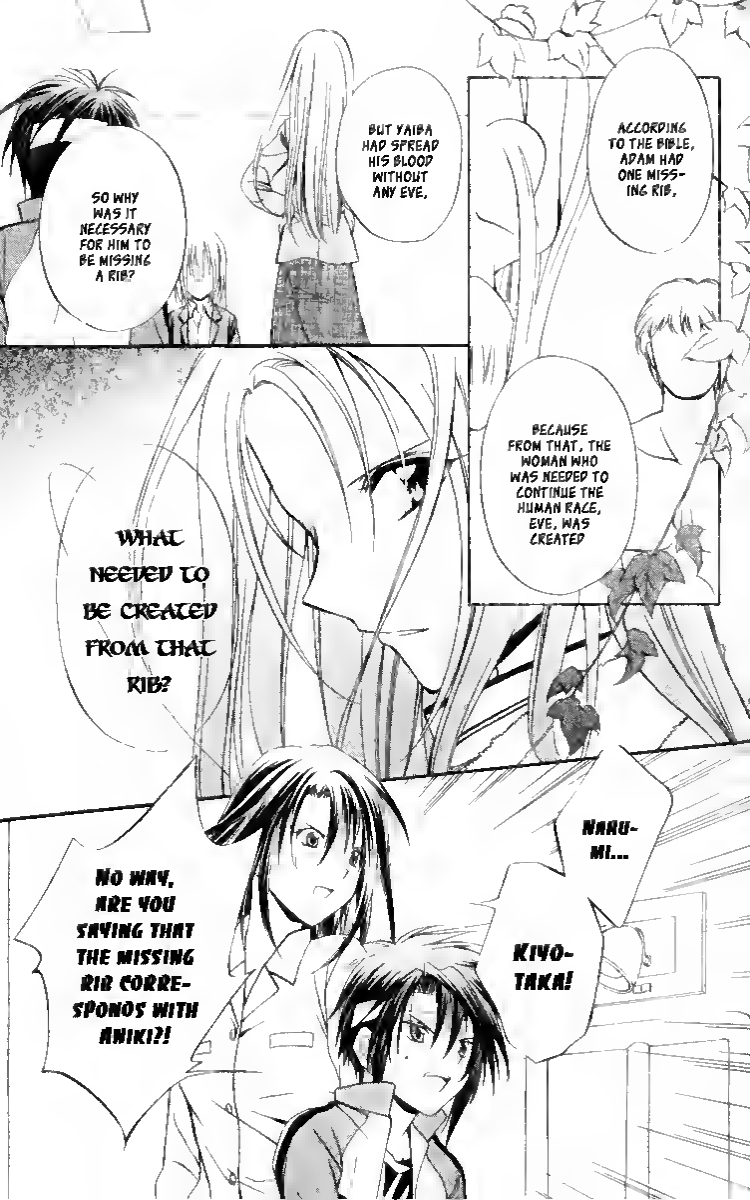
...BUT THEY COULDN'T KILL HIM.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF AN ASSASSIN'S DAGGER IT WAS,
NO MATTER HOW EXPLOSIVE IT WAS,
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YAIBA WAS PRESSED WITH A GUN, IT WAS ALL INEFFECTIVE.
It was like unbelievably good luck and chance protected Yaiba.
It all went as Yaiba wanted.
SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS PROTECTED YAIBA.
.....

Aniki is completely...
Uniquely good fortune...
The power to call chances...
KIYOTAKA IS EXACTLY THE SAME, RIGHT?
BUT AYUMU-KUN,
ALTHOUGH YOU ALMOST DIED ON MANY OCCASIONS, YOU'RE STILL ALIVE
IF YOU WISH IT,
EVERY-THING CAN GO WELL
AM I WRONG?
...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
NO-THING IN PARTIC-ULAR

THE CATACLYSM ARRIVED TOO QUICKLY.

He was a "devil" in the shape of a human.
AND SO YAIBA'S RULING POWER GREW STRONGER,
AND THE 2ND PLAN OF THE "BLACHIL" INITIATED
THE "HUNTERS" FACTION WAS CORNERED,
THE BLADE CHILDREN, WHOM THEY WERE TO KILL, GOT STRONGER PROTECTION WITH YAIBA IN THE ORGANIZATION
AND THE SITUATION WAS IN DESPAIR
THE HUMANS STARTED FALLING INTO THE TWILIGHT
But at that time,
Suddenly...
One Japanese man who reached the age of 20 appeared

THAT JAPANESE MAN---
THAT MAN EASILY KILLED YAIBA.
HE BEAT THE "DEVIL" WHO COULDN'T BE KILLED BY HUMANS WITH NO TROUBLE
YAIBA HIMSELF
DIED WITH A FACE SAYING... "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT."
THAT'S A SUITABLE SITUATION HE SHOULD'VE PREDICTED
AFTER ALL, FOR SOME REASON YAIBA WAS BORN WITH ONE BONE MISSING


SO WHY WAS IT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO BE MISSING A RIB?
BUT YAIBA HAD SPREAD HIS BLOOD WITHOUT ANY EVE.
ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, ADAM HAD ONE MISSING RIB.
BECAUSE FROM THAT, THE WOMAN WHO WAS NEEDED TO CONTINUE THE HUMAN RACE, EVE, WAS CREATED
WHAT NEEDED TO BE CREATED FROM THAT RIB?
NAMI...
KIYOTAKA!
NO WAY, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE MISSING RIB CORRESPONDS WITH ANIKI?!

But that Eve wasn't a woman to bear Adam's children,
It was a man.
AT THE TIME, YAIBA WAS 16 YEARS OLD
AND KIYOTAKA WAS 20.
EVE DESCENDED AS A "GOD" 16 YEARS LATE.
THAT'S HOW IT IS
AND LIKE THAT, EVE KILLED ADAM
IF IT'S SOMETHING CREATED FROM ADAM
IT ISN'T STRANGE THAT IT HAS THE POWER TO KILL ADAM, RIGHT?
THEREFORE THOSE TWO COULDN'T BIND TO EACH OTHER,
AND IN THE END THEY COULD ONLY DESTROY EACH OTHER AS TWO POLAR OPPOSITES

What's that
It's like a decomposition
That was formally and intentionally put together by someone
God and Devil, Adam and Eve
A polar definite appeared?
THE 20 YEAR OLD NAKUMI KIYOTAKA SHOT YAIBA AND PLUNGED THE ORGANIZATION INTO CHAOS.
AND HE ALSO DISSIPATED THE INFLUENCE THAT YAIBA HAD SPREAD OVER THE WORLD
KIYOTAKA SAID THAT HE
IT'S NOT THAT KIYOTAKA BECAME A NEW RULER
HE WAS A "DESTRUCTION GOD" THAT EVEN GOT RID OF YAIBA'S SHADOW
RECEIVED THE ORACLE WHEN HE WAS 20 YEARS OLD

AT THAT MOMENT, HE KNEW WHY HE WAS BORN WITH SO MUCH POWER
AND WHAT HE EXISTED FOR
...THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
KIYO-TAKA HAD AWAKENED AS A "GOD"
AND HE DESTROYED YAIBA AND THAT AMBITION OF HIS.
ANOTHER "CREATOR"!
THAT WAS THE WILL OF ANOTHER "CREATOR".
IF THERE IS A GOD AND A DEVIL,
GOOD AND EVIL,
THERE SHOULD ALSO BE
TWO "CREATORS" WHO OPPOSE EACH OTHER, ONE GOOD AND ONE EVIL

ONE CREATED YAIBA, WHO WAS TO KILL HUMANS
THE OTHER CREATED KIYO -TAKA USING YAIBA'S RIB
IT'S LIKE A CHESS GAME OF CREATION AND DESTRUCTION,
PLAYED ON THE BOARD THAT IS THE ENTIRE WORLD
TO HUMANS, YAIBA AND KIYOTAKA ARE ABSOLUTE AND ULTIMATE,
AND ARE NOTHING MORE THAN SUPERIOR, ABSOLUTE GAME PIECES AFTER ALL
AND KIYOTAKA KILLED YAIBA.
IF, FOLLOWING THAT, HE KILLED ALL THE
BLADE CHILDREN WHO SUCCEEDED YAIBA'S BLOOD, THE GAME WOULD'VE BEEN OVER

HE STILL HESITATED ABOUT KILLING YOUNG KIDS?
..BUT
AT THAT TIME, THEY ALL WERE 6 YEARS OLD
AFTER YAIBA DIED, THERE WERE 98 CHILDREN LEFT.
IF YOU'RE A PROPER HUMAN, YOU'D HESITATE TOO
THE "HUNTERS" FIRMLY CLAIMED WE SHOULD BE KILLED,
BUT THE "SAVERS" AND "WATCHERS" HESITATED ABOUT HAVING THE KIDS MASS MURDERED

THE KIDS WEREN'T SAVED BY HUMANS.
EVEN IF WE LINGER AND HESITATE, THE RESULT WILL APPEAR.
BUT THERE WAS NO ONE AROUND WHO COULD PENY THE THREAT OF YAIBA'S BLOOD.
AND WHAT ABOUT KIYOTAKA-SAN?
WITH A POWER LIKE THAT PERSON ---
KIYOTAKA DESCENDED IN ORDER TO KILL YAIBA
HE WAS PRACTICALLY A "DESTRUCTIVE GOD" WHO KILLED YAIBA.
DO YOU THINK HE'D HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE YAIBA'S CHILDREN?
KIYOTAKA COULDN'T SURPASS THE DESTRUCTIVE ROLE THAT WAS REJECTED BY THE "CREATOR".
.....

KIYOTAKA PRESENTED ONE HOPE WITHIN THAT SITUATION...
..BUT
YOU, WHO WERE 5 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME,
ALUMI-NIUM*.
A PERSON WHO RESEMBLES KIYOTAKA BUT IS NOT KIYOTAKA,
A PERSON WHO IS A FORGERY OF "GOO".
BUT

*Ed.s note: Author's mistake. It should be "Narumi Ayumu" here instead of "Aluminum". This is a misprint please refer to the omake at the end of this volume for more details about this

A PERSON WHO HOLDS "GODLY" POWERS.
IF SO,
EVEN IF YAIBA IS DEAD, THE GOD KIYOTAKA IS STILL ALIVE,
SO THERE IS NO NEED FOR A GOD WITH THE SAME POWERS.
WHY DID THE "CREATOR" CREATE AYUMU-KUN?

A new god...?

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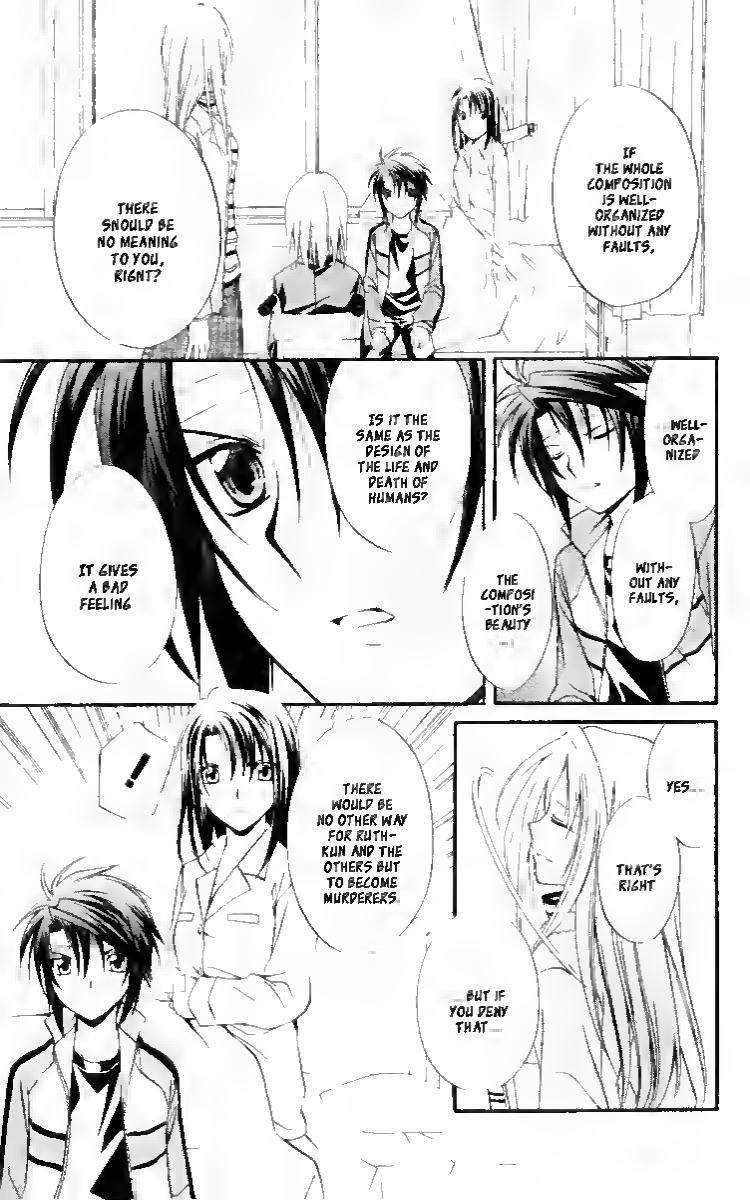
CHAPTER 55: THE ENEMY ON THE BOARD

...This kid is
The new "God"...
Who will save the Blade Children...?!

...YOU'RE SAYING THAT BECAUSE I'M "NARUMI KIYOTAKA"'S LITTLE BROTHER,
I CAN SAVE THE BLADE CHILDREN?
.....
THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH THE COM-POSITION'S BEAUTY
WHEN WE LOOKED AROUND THE BOARD, YOU WERE THERE
YOU, GOD-LIKE AND WHO RESEMBLED KIYOTAKA,
WERE STANDING ALONE.


IF THE WHOLE COMPOSITION IS WELL-ORGANIZED WITHOUT ANY FAULTS,
THERE SHOULD BE NO MEANING TO YOU, RIGHT?
WELL-ORGA-NIZED
WITH-OUT ANY FAULTS,
THE COMPOSI-TION'S BEAUTY
IS IT THE SAME AS THE DESIGN OF THE LIFE AND DEATH OF HUMANS?
IT GIVES A BAD FEELING
YES...
THAT'S RIGHT
...BUT IF YOU DENY THAT...
!
THERE WOULD BE NO OTHER WAY FOR RUTH-KUN AND THE OTHERS BUT TO BECOME MURDERERS.

11 YEARS AGO,
EVEN THOUGH KIYOTAKA HAD INDICATED YOUR POTENTIAL, NOT EVERYONE BELIEVED HIM.
THERE WERE MANY WHO THOUGHT OF IT AS KILLING TIME IN DESPERATION
BUT ABOVE THE POSSIBILITY OF YOU---
IT MANAGED TO DELAY EVERYONE'S DETERMINATION TO ERASE US COMPLETELY
...EVEN IF IT'S A FALSE HOPE,
IT WAS ENOUGH FOR US TO STAY ALIVE.

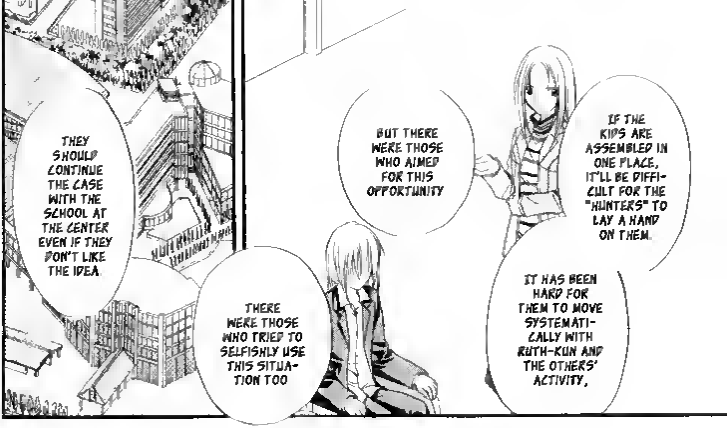
"ED's note: The author really has a mistake here. "Centers" is supposed to be "Sevens" (He did write "Centers" in the raw). Please refer to the omake at the end of this volume to know more about this misprint
THOUGH THEY WERE CURSED BY RUTH-KUN AND THE OTHERS FOR KILLING THE BLACHL UNTIL THEN
THOSE WHO BET ON YOU USUALLY COME TO THIS SIDE,
ALTHOUGH EVEN NOW THERE ARE ULTRA-RIGHT EXTREMISTS WITHIN THE "CENTERS".
THERE WERE THOSE WHO SWITCHED FROM "HUNTERS" TO "WATCHERS",
AND EVEN THOSE WHO SWITCHED TO "CENTERS"
WHILE YOU LOOKED DOWNWARD UNDER KIYOTAKA AND GOT OLDER...
WE RETURNED TO THE SECRET FEUD WITH THE "HUNTERS".
WE LOST FRIENDS
AND DIRTIED OUR HANDS TO LIVE.
WE BATHED IN BLOOD.

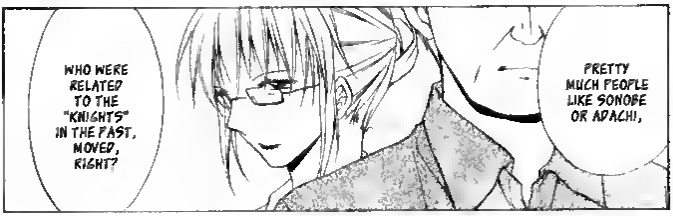
WITHIN THE ENDLESS DESPAIR,
WE RELIED ON YOUR FALSE-LIKE EXISTENCE.
...IT WAS IRONIC.

UNDER THE FEAR OF NOT KNOWING WHEN YAIBA'S BLOOD WILL SUDDENLY WAKE UP,
RUTH-KUN AND THE OTHERS FOUGHT.
THE BLADE CHILDREN.
THE SLAUGH-TERING KIDS WHO DESTROY HUMANS
HAD TO KILL PEOPLE TO OPPOSE THAT FATE
THAT MAN WASN'T ACTIVELY KILLING PEOPLE ON THE SIDE OF THE "HUNTERS"
HE COULD DESTROY THE "HUNTERS" IF HE WANTED, COULDN'T HE?
...WHAT WAS KIYO-TAKA-SAN DOING AT THAT TIME?

IT MIGHT BE THAT KIYOTAKA JUST GOT SOME ENJOYMENT OUT OF THE SITUATION
...I'LL SAY THIS...
INSTEAD, HE WATCHED OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE "HUNTERS" AND PROTECTED MANY BLADE CHILDREN.
KIYOTAKA-SAN LET AYUMU MATURE
AND MOVED SO THAT IN THE END, HE'D SAVE THE BLADE CHILDREN, RIGHT?
BUT...
HOW MANY PEOPLE DID HE SACRIFICE?
HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU THINK THAT MAN SAW DYING WITHOUT HELPING THEM?
.....
...YES.

THAT'S A PROBLEM.
KIYOTAKA, WHO KILLED YAIBA AND SOLVED ALL THE PROBLEMS BUT THE BLACHIL,
PRESENTED AYUMU-KUN AS THE "PLAN" CONNECTED TO THE RESCUE OF THE BLADE CHILDREN IN A COUPLE OF YEARS.
FOR THAT HE RESTRAINED THE "HUNTERS"
AND RAISED AYUMU-KUN FROM A YOUNG AGE,
AND HE PREPARED TSUKIOMI SCHOOL, THEN DISAPPEARED.
THE SCHOOL WHERE THE BLADE CHILDREN ARE GATHERED,
THERE THE LITTLE BROTHER WAS, THE BROTHER OF THE ONE WHO DISAPPEARED LEAVING MYSTERIOUS WORDS
AND EVEN IF THE "HUNTERS" WHO AIM FOR THE CHILDREN ARE CONSTRAINED, IT'S NOT LIKE NOTHING IS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN


THEY SHOULD CONTINUE THE CASE WITH THE SCHOOL AT THE CENTER EVEN IF THEY DON'T LIKE THE IDEA.
THERE WERE THOSE WHO TRIED TO SELFISHLY USE THIS SITUATION TOO
BUT THERE WERE THOSE WHO AIMED FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
IF THE KIDS ARE ASSEMBLED IN ONE PLACE, IT'LL BE DIFFICULT FOR THE "HUNTERS" TO LAY A HAND ON THEM.
IT HAS BEEN HARD FOR THEM TO MOVE SYSTEMATICALLY WITH RUTH-KUN AND THE OTHERS' ACTIVITY,


WHO WERE RELATED TO THE "KNIGHTS" IN THE PAST, MOVED, RIGHT?
PRETTY MUCH PEOPLE LIKE SONOBE OR ADACHI,

THE CASES KEEP ON COMING TOWARD YOU,
AND IF THAT IS RELATED TO THE WORDS YOUR BROTHER WHO DISAPPEARED LEFT, YOU'LL DEFINITELY POKE YOUR NOSE IN THEM, RIGHT?

AFTER YOU ENTERED THE SCHOOL,
IT SEEMED LIKE KIYOTAKA MAY HAVE LOOSENED THE RESTRAINTS ON THE "HUNTERS".

JUST LIKE A GOD OF SALVATION?
.....
AND IF SOMEONE IS STRANGELY KILLED IN THOSE CASES,
YOUR PERSONALITY WOULD MAKE YOU FIGHT THE "HUNTERS", RIGHT?
While Ayumu is blessed with power,
Due to his resemblance to Kiyotaka-san, he had everything stolen by him
He knows the feeling of those who have had things taken from them the most
So he can become desperate for those who lose and have things snatched away
That's why Ayumu knows the pain of losing everything the best.

Since Ayumu had things taken from him, he can become the "God of Salvation"
Kiyotaka-san raised Ayumu that way!
---THAT'S THE FULL STORY OF THE PLAN THAT WAS EXPLAINED EARLIER ..
LIKE THIS, EVEN IF AYUMU-KUN IS A FALSE HOPE,
THERE WAS A JUST CAUSE IN PROTECTING THE KIDS UNTIL YOU ENTERED THE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLING THEM IN ONE PLACE IS A GOOD WAY TO INSPECT AND WATCH OTHER THEM
AND WHEN IT'S TIME, IT'D BE EASY TO KILL THEM ALL
THE "SAVERS" AND "WATCHERS" AGREED ON THAT

BUT THE BLADE CHILDREN WERE HOSTILE TO ME, RIGHT?
IF I DIE, EVERYTHING WILL END, RIGHT?
BUT ANIKI FELT LIKE KILLING ME SO HE DIRECTED YOU GUYS TO ME.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE SO PATHETIC.
AND AS YOU WERE OF SOMEWHAT A DIFFERENT TYPE
SO YOU DIDN'T MAKE US FEEL YOU WERE ANY POSSIBILITY WORTH CONSIDERING.

FOR THAT, BOTH THE "WATCHERS" AND "SAVERS" FLEW IN WITH WAYS TO RELUCTANTLY ERASE THE BLADE CHILDREN
IYA~, REALLY,
AYUMU-KUN'S WRETCHED-NESS IS FEERLESS
AFTER ALL, EVEN THOUGH YOU LIVED ALONE WITH MADOKA-SAN, WHOM YOU'VE LOVED FOR 2 YEARS, WHY HAVEN'T YOU DONE ANYTHING?
IT WAS ONE POINT OF WEAKNESS IN YOU!
YOU LACK GUTS !!
At least peek at her in the bath!
WELL,
IT IS A BIT OF A DRASTIC MEASURE

AND THE TIME LIMIT FOR RUTH-KUN AND THE OTHERS' BLOOD TO AWAKE IS DRAWING NEARER,
SO WE HAD TO COME TO A DECISION, FOR BETTER OR WORSE, RIGHT?
IT MADE US NERVOUS TO DIE SO DISTASTE-FULLY WITH THAT LIE.
WE NORMALLY DON'T BELIEVE IN NOFE AND SUCH,
AND WE WERE JUST ENRAGED THAT OUR LIVES ARE BEING GRASPED BY SUCH A PERSON
BUT YOU WERE EXPECTING SOME-THING A LITTLE, RIGHT?
AND THE IRREGULARITY WAS VERY MUCH THAT THING.
AND HERE IS THE RESULT.

After your sacrifice of much time,
The God of Salvation awoke.
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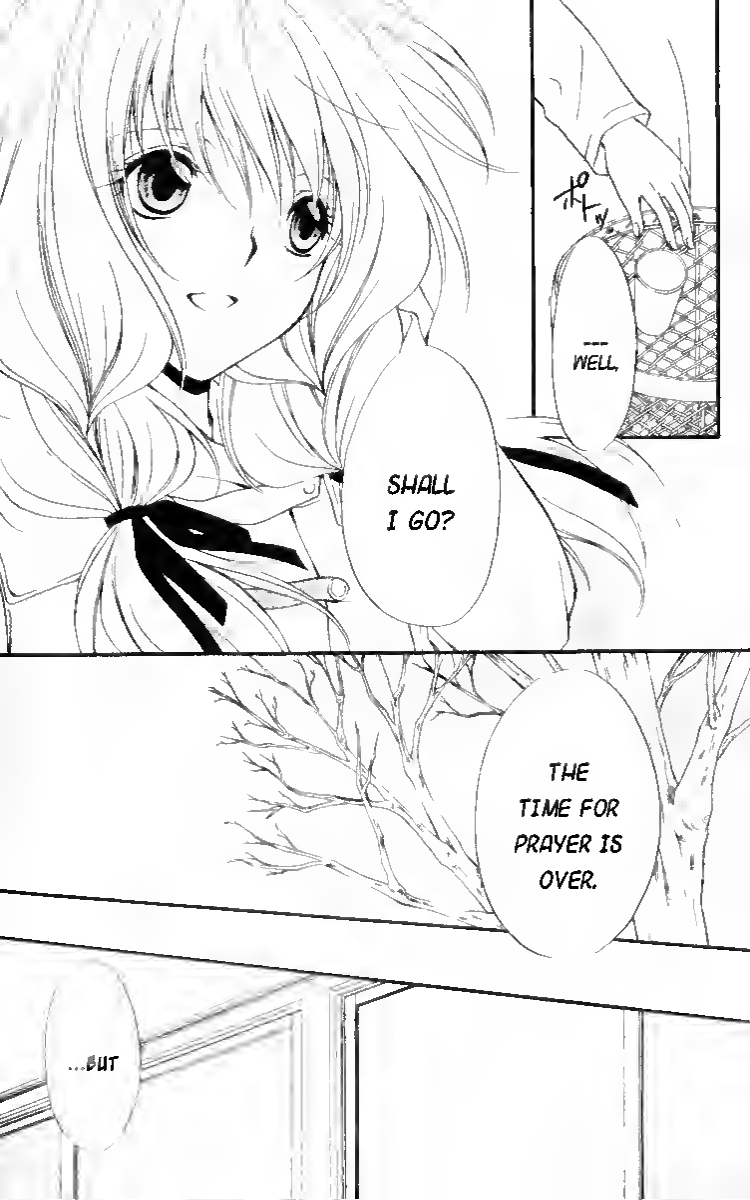

WELL,
SHALL I GO?
THE TIME FOR PRAYER IS OVER.
...BUT

WHAT DOES AYUMU NEED TO DO TO ASSURE-DLY SAVE EVERYONE?
THE PROBLEM IS A LIMIT OF HEREDITY, RIGHT?
THE "WATCH-ERS" HAVE BEEN RESEARCHING YAIBA AND THE BLACHIL FOR A LONG TIME,
BUT WE COULDN'T SCIENTIFICALLY CONTROL THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND INSTINCTS AT ALL
IN A MATTER THAT CAN BE SOLVED WITH SOME FORM OF BIOCHEMISTRY OR GENETIC ENGINEERING,
WHAT CAN AYUMU DO RIGHT NOW?
THE ONLY THING THAT HAS CREEPILY BEEN PUT TO ORDER
IS THE BLOOD'S LAW OF CAUSE AND EFFECT.
THERE IS NO SCIENCE OR CHEM-ISTRY
IT'S A PHENOMENON CLOSER TO A CURSE
...IF SO-

A BOY WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THAT BLOOD'S CAUSE AND EFFECT
IS ENOUGH OF A POSSIBILITY TO BRING HOPE WE COULDN'T EVEN CONSIDER.
...Cause and effect...I see.
That composition will definitely use Ayumu as the key
If that which we can do nothing about was well organized and designed by someone transcendental,
It's an extraordinary story, but
It wouldn't be odd for Ayumu to be the God of Salvation---
...WELL...
THAT WAS WHAT MOST PEOPLE RELATED TO THIS BELIEVED IN.

!?
BUT THE TRUTH IS...
THERE WAS A BACK SIDE TO KIYOTAKA'S PLAN TO TURN OVER THAT HOPE
.....
...NO DOUBT.

IF NOT, THERE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANY EXPLANATION FOR KANONE HILBERT GOING WILD
... MEAN -ING,
I'M NOT THE ONE IN PART TO SAVE THE BLADE CHIL- DREN IN THE COMPOSITION, RIGHT?
NO WAY ...!

KIYOTAKA KNEW FROM THE START THAT HE COULDN'T SAVE THE BLADE CHILDREN.
HE DECEIVED EVERYONE FOR A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT GOAL.
FOR THAT, HE LED SACRIFICES, WASTED TIME.
AND LET YOU GROW.
RIO, ASADZUKI, AND THE REST DON'T KNOW THIS,
BUT ON THAT CURSED BOARD THERE WAS ANOTHER PIECE
THEREFORE THE COMPOSITION BECAME ONE WHERE NARUMI AYUMU COULDN'T BECOME A GOD OF SALVATION.
.....

...I have
An antithesis too, right?
Just like Aniki had Yaiba,
There is a "devil" I too must kill, right?

YOU, THE ANTITHESIS OF HIZUMI WHO CAN KILL HIM.
"GOD'S" LITTLE BROTHER CORRESPONDING WITH HIZUMI'S MISSING RIB.
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE, NARUMI AYUMU
HE IS AN EXISTENCE THAT IF LEFT TO LIVE WILL DEFINITELY BRING ABOUT THE SAME MASSACRE AS YAIBA.
HE IS A DEVIL IN THE SHAPE OF A HUMAN WHOM YOU MUST KILL.
SOMEONE WHO RESEMBLES YAIBA BUT IS NOT YAIBA...
BUT HE HAS "DEVIL-LIKE" POWERS
YAIBA HAD A YOUNGER BROTHER AS WELL.
FOR SOME REASON, HE WAS ALSO BORN WITH A RIB MISSING
AND SO THE LITTLE BROTHER CANNOT BE OVERCOME BY HUMANS EITHER
THE "DEVIL'S" LITTLE BROTHER,
MIZUSHIRO HIZUMI-
A BOY OF AGE 16, SAME AS YOU...

HERE ONLY TO KILL HIZUMI.
—YOU ARE
THE "CREATORS" ARE
REPEATING THE GAME THEY HAD WITH YAIBA AND KIYOTAKA

YOU CAN'T SAVE ANY-ONE.
...In the face of that...

I---...

CHAPTER 56:
AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SPITE OF THAT

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UGH~
COULDN'T YOU WAKE ME UP A LITTLE BIT GENTLER.
NA-RUMI-SAN?
TOO BAD.
SOME-THING'S REALLY IRRITATING ME.
I UNDER-STAND THAT THE TALK WITH RUTH-ERFORD-SAN AND KIRIE-SAN
IS OVER.
YES.
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT?

NO WAY YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW, RIGHT?

WELL,
YES,
I DEFINITELY, DEFINITELY WANT TO KNOW!!
--NO, NO.
SO IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER I WANT TO KNOW
ANYWAY, I'M UNRELATED TO ALL OF IT,
AH..
BUT
STILL, IF MY POWERS ARE NEEDED FROM NOW ON, PLEASE LET ME KNOW

I CAN'T BE OF ANY HELP WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING. RIGHT?
.....
ISN'T THAT MANNER OF SPEECH COWARDICE?
ANY-WAY,
ONCE UPON A TIME, SOME-WHERE, SOME PLACE-
ARA?
IS THAT SO?
.. YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE
I DON'T WANT AS AN ENEMY OR AS AN ALLY

THERE EXISTED THE "CREATOR"...
YES?
...FATE'S CROSS-ROAD...
IT SPEAKS OF THE POINT THAT AYUMU-KUN MUST REACH NO MATTER HOW HE CHANGES FATE, RIGHT?
...THE WORDS THAT THE "SAVER'S" USE QUITE OFTEN.

HARUMI AYUMU WILL FIGHT WITHOUT RUNNING FROM HIS BROTHER ---
WHETHER HE WINS OR NOT...
THE RESULT OF THE MATCH WILL DECIDE THE DIVERGENCE OF FATE
IF HE WINS,
FATE WILL BE ALTERED
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
IN THE END, AYUMU-KUN WILL HAVE TO KILL HIZUMI.
YOU WON'T BE SAVED.
FATE WON'T CHANGE
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BUT HE'S FINALLY FIGHTING IN THE FRONT-LINES WITH KIYOTAKA
NOTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED YET.
NO-THING
YET...
SO NARUMI-SAN IS THE "GOD" WHO IS TO KILL THAT HIZUMI?!
ACCORDING TO THE COMPOSI-TION...

IF I LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE HIZUMI WILL BECOME THE SAME "DEVIL" AS YAIBA
HE'LL BECOME AN ABSOLUTE PERSON OF MASSACRE
ACCORDING TO THE COMPOSITION, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN KILL HIZUMI.
AND SO ANIKI HAS DEVISED A PLAN FOR ME TO KILL HIZUMI.
HE'S LETTING ME FIGHT THE BLADE CHILDREN.
AND THEN TRYING TO FORCE ME TO KILL KANONE NILBERT.
IF I HADN'T FOUGHT WITH THE BLADE CHILDREN, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LIFT MY HEAD RIGHT NOW.

IF I HAD KILLED KANONE HILBERT,
I WOULD PROBABLY BE FORCED TO KILL HIZUMI SO THE SACRIFICE WOULDN'T GO TO WASTE.
ONCE I'D DIRTIED MY HANDS, THERE WOULD BE NO GOING BACK,
AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO THINK ABOUT SAVING ANYONE
...SO
YOUR BIG BROTHER'S PLAN FAILED, RIGHT?
NO.
RIGHT AFTER I STOPPED KANONE HILBERT,
THAT TSUCHIYA KIRIE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM ANIKI.
"THERE IS NO LOSER ON THE BOARD. IN THE END, THOSE WHO SHOULD BE KILLED SHALL BE KILLED, AND THOSE WHO KILL, SHALL KILL.
EVERYONE CANNOT ESCAPE."
...SO HE SAID.

ANIKI MOVES THINGS FOLLOWING HIS OWN WAY WHILE DECEIVING EVERYONE ELSE
WHILE I'M DOING THIS, HE'S DEFINITELY MOVING MY PIECE SO THAT I'LL KILL NIZUMI
..It could be...
AND IT SEEMS THAT ANIKI HAS THOROUGHLY HIDDEN HIS OWN AND NIZUMI'S WHEREABOUTS
.....
Aniki still
Has another goal in mind.

WELL...
CAN'T KIYOTAKA ONII-SAN BEAT THAT NIZUMI?
What's for sure is—
That I'm still nothing more than a piece being manipulated by Aniki.
AFTER ALL, HE BEAT YAIBA WHO'S HIS OLDER BROTHER
IT WOULDN'T BE WEIRD FOR HIM TO DEFEAT THE YOUNGER ONE, RIGHT?
IF SO, NARUMI-SAN CAN BECOME FREE
IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE
HIZUMI CAN'T BE KILLED BY ANYONE
ANIKI IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN ANTITHESIS FOR YAIBA,
SO HE CAN'T NEGATE HIZUMI

THAT RUTHERFORD WAS COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED WHEN THEY FIRST MET
IT SEEMS THAT HIZUMI HAS SUCH AN ABSOLUTE PRESENCE
IT IS IN THE COMPOSITION THAT THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN KILL HIZUMI IS HIS ANTITHESIS. ME
IT'S SERIOUSLY WRONG THAT THE PATHETIC NAKUMI-SAN HAS ACHIEVED THE FEELING OF BECOMING AN ADULT BY THROWING HIMSELF INTO AGONY
.....
MIZUSHIRO HIZUMI
ANOTHER TROUBLESOME PERSON
I WAS RAISED BEING CRUSHED BY HIS BACK ALL ALONG
HEY,
I HAD ANIKI FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.

BUT HIZUMI LOST YAIBA EARLY ON,
THE BIG BROTHER WHO WAS JUST LIKE HIM
AND WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO STEAL EVERYTHING FROM HIM
I, WHO HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM, AND HIZUMI, WHO HADN'T...
THE DIFFERENCE APPEARS OBVIOUS.
SO FOR ME TO FACE HIZUMI
AND TO FIGHT,
I HAVE TO RAISE MY HEAD.
...AND THE ONES WHO ARE NEEDED FOR THAT ARE THE BLADE CHIL-DREN.

ONCE AGAIN
AN UNPLEASANT STORY
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY WERE CREATED FOR THAT CAUSE
THE BLADE CHILDREN WHO EXCEL OVER HUMANS IN POWER AND INTELLIGENCE...
THEY'RE EXACTLY THE EXPENDABLE PIECES NEEDED TO FORGE "GOD" TO DEFEAT THE "DEVIL"
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THERE IS NOTHING WASTEFUL ON THE BOARD

WHAT WILL YOU DO... ABOUT THAT?
NO,
HOW CAN YOU ACCOMPLISH THAT FATE?
.. FROM WHAT RUTHERFORD SAID,
I'M STILL "UNDECIDED"
UNDECIDED?
...I HAVEN'T KILLED ANYONE YET.
AND I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING DECISIVE YET
THAT'S WHY I HOLD THE POSSIBILITY OF
BECOMING SOMETHING WITH MY WILLPOWER WHEN FACING FATE

BECAUSE I'M YET UNDE-CIDED,
I HAVE THE POSSIBILITY TO EXIST AS SOMEONE WHO CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF HIZUMI AND THE BLADE CHILDREN AT THE SAME TIME
ALTHOUGH IT'S CLOSE TO ZERO,
HE'S BETTING ON THAT POSSI-BILITY.
SO
EVEN IF IT'S DESPER-ATE, YOU'RE GONNA CHAL-LENGE THAT CHANCE?

BELIEVE IN YOUR POWERS.
I DON'T BELIEVE A THING
...YOU'RE STILL GOING ON WITH THAT...
I WONDER ABOUT THAT
IF ALL OF THOSE ARE LIES,
IT WOULD ALSO BE NATURAL TO THINK THAT EVERYONE IS JUST OVER-ANXIOUS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE BLADE CHILDREN RIGHT?
THAT MIGHT BE SO...
FIRST OFF,
CAN I REALLY BELIEVE IN THE "CREATOR", THE CURSE, AND THAT I'M A GOD?
LOGICALLY, IT'S WEIRD, RIGHT?

...BUT
FOR THINGS LIKE THE BLADE CHILDREN BECOMING SERIAL KILLERS
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN THAT CURSE
BECAUSE OF THAT, BLOOD HAS BEEN SPILT AND SO LOGIC HAS NO PART IN IT AT ALL,
OR HIZUMI SUMMONING A MASSACRE
FOR THOSE WHO MET THEIR END AS SACRIFICES,
WE CAN'T CALL ALL OF THIS A LIE SO LATE IN THE GAME,
WITH JUST THE BELIEF THAT IT TURNED OUT AS SOMETHING WITH NO RETURN

I DON'T BELIEVE A THING.
NEITHER DO I BELIEVE THAT THE "CREATOR" EXISTS,
NOR THAT THERE IS SOMEONE WHOM I CAN SAVE
AND ON THE FLIP SIDE,
NEITHER DO I BELIEVE THAT THE "CREATOR" DOES NOT EXIST,
NOR THAT I CANNOT SAVE ANYONE.
I DON'T EVEN BELIEVE IN DES-PAIR.

IN DOING SO, I'M FACING THIS REALITY.
IT'S FOR ME TO DEFINITELY NOT GIVE UP,
NO MATTER WHAT RETRAYAL I MUST BEAR OR WHAT DARKNESS I'M ATTACKED BY.
I'M A LITTLE RELIEVED
ABOUT WHAT?
NOT TELLING
BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU'RE HERE, NARUMI-SAN IS STILL ACTING LIKE NARUMI-SAN.

I'M SORRY
FOR BEING AS PATHETIC AS USUAL.
BUT
YOU BEING LIKE NARUMI-SAN IS THE OPPOSITE, REALLY FUN.
IS THAT TRUE?
.....
...What is Aniki planning for the next time...

And Mizushiro Hizumi...
宮下総合病院
How will he act...?
HEY...
AKA?
YES, ONE MOMENT PLEASE.
I CAME TO VISIT SOMEONE BY THE NAME OF NARUMI AYUMU.
CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT ROOM HE IS IN?

I'M REALLY SORRY.
YOU CAN'T MEET WITH HIM WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION...
MAN---...
WE~LL,
IS KIRIE-CHAN WATCHING TOO FOR THE TIME BEING ..?
...IF SO,
CAN YOU INQUIRE AS TO HOW I CAN GET THAT "SPECIAL PERMISSION"?
...I AM

MIZU-
SHIRO
HIZU-
MI.

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神と悪魔に指名された
二人の少年は遂に出会った…!!

どうや
歩
「神」として歌いたい
歌は見つかったか
お前は…
火澄?
「悪魔」として
どんな歌を
歌うんだ

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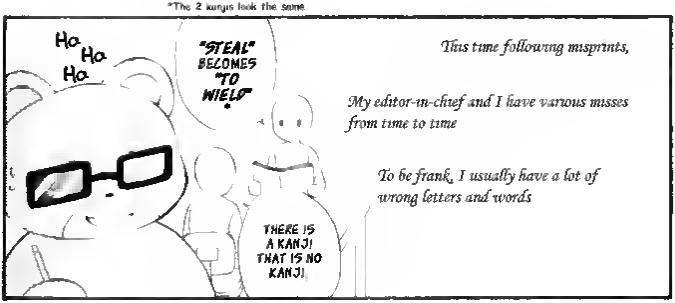
To be continued. Please wait!

WELL, THAT MISPRINT HAS SOME PROBLEMS
ALUMI-NIUM.
YOU, WHO WERE 5 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME,
STRAL WORK DIARY
—A volume filled with misprints—
SHALL WE ANCE?
"The one for me is..."
And those words were inserted
On the omake on the back cover of volume 10 there was a phototype setting removed
Here
※I think it was fixed in the 2nd print
When writing a manga it always happens to everyone (?) that a word or a character is misprinted and so

With this.


*The 2 kanjis look the same
Ha Ha Ha
"STEAL" BECOMES "TO WIELD"
THERE IS A KANJI THAT IS NO KANJI
This time following misprints,
My editor-in-chief and I have various misses from time to time
To be frank, I usually have a lot of wrong letters and words

You're even planning to do baseball, Imazato-sensei?
The editor in charge fixed it by the time it got to the magazine, but...
Leave it to the defence!
Lately
I'd written something like that
THERE WERE THOSE WHO SWITCHED FROM "HUNTERS" TO "WATCHERS".
AND EVEN THOSE WHO SWITCHED TO "CENTERS".
But I want to believe that it was me just being tired.
My hand hurts
This time in the 11th volume, there were many that were found while editing.

"TL's note: Usually it ends with "san" (Otnuin san) but this time it was "nomi" (Otnuin nomi)
I'm glad it wasn't left that-way (it'd be impossible for it to).
NARUMI KIYOTAKA LITTLE BROTHER PERSON"!
And that isn't expecting much.
PER-SON?

I'll be careful for misprints next time (probably) too.

So, let's meet in the next volume!

原作者あとがき

とうとうここまで来ました第11巻です。城平京です。物語も追い込みかけてます。

この巻に収録されている「解決編」の内容については連載時にやはり批判がありました。主に非現実的でファンタジック過ぎるのではないか、というものです。

こちら側に説得力を出す演出やプレゼンテーションの努力が足りなかったというのもあるのですが、本質的にその批判は正しかったりします。「造物主」に「神」に「悪魔」ですものね。眉をひそめられても仕方ありません。

実のところ連載開始前に用意した設定ではこの「解決編」で語る真相は現実的で地に足がついたものでした。なぜそれをやらなかったかを説明すると長くなるし、けっこう笑えない裏事情を語らにゃならんはめになるのですが、敢えてその理由のひとつを言うなら、その「現実的な真相」は「現実的な思考と方法と手続き」によって解決できるからでした。

それはそれですっきりしていていいのですが、そのために「鳴海歩」が絶対必要か、というと「別に歩じゃなくてもなぁ」となったのですね。

歩がこれから対決するのはミズシロ・ヤイバ、鳴海清隆、ミズシロ火澄からなる一種の「ファンタジー」です。そしてその不穏な「ファンタジー」を信じてしまった人々です。

「ファンタジー」は非現実的ゆえに現実的な思考や方法に対して強固です。いくら「それは非現実的だよ！」と言っても、相手が「これが真実だ」と信じちゃってる以上まるでか

ないません。その「ファンタジールール」で世界が回っちゃってるんだから、違う世界のルールを持ち込んでも無意味なのです。そして相手のルールで戦えば必ず「常識」や「現実」は負けてしまうようにもなっています。

歩はそんな手強い状況と戦います。彼にある武器は知恵と勇気と推理。何ひとつファンタジックな能力を持たない（信じない）少年が、果たして非現実的だけれど隙のない「ファンタジー」に勝てるのか？　あるいはその「ファンタジー」がもたらした問題を解決できるのか？　この戦いはやはり「俺は何も信じないよ」とかなすくめていえる少年でなければこなせないものではないでしょうか。次巻以降、そこのとこ期待してもらえるとありがたいです。ただこの「ファンタジー」をある単語に置き換えると現実社会がしばしば直面するリアルな問題になったりもするのですが……。

それにしてももっと説得力のある演出やプレゼンの努力は必要だったと痛感してもいます。そうすればこういうフォローもいらなかったし。いろいろまないんもんです。

最後に、コミックス発売に際して長らくガンガンNETに新作を掲載してまいりました外伝小説ですが、このたびノベルスで出した「小説スパイラル4」で完結となりました。よって今後の新作掲載予定はないのですが、次巻からまたコミックス発売時にはガンガンNETで何か企画をやる予定です。それもご期待のほどを。

では第12巻でお会いできることを祈りつつ。

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